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THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO DIRECTOR, PROGRAM D, SUBJECT: MODERNIZATION OF U-2 FLEET, DATED 18 OCTOBER 1965 SIGNED BY ALEXANDER H. FLAX, DIRECTOR, NRO, IS QUOTED IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND NECESSARY ACTION: QUOTE REFERENCE YOUR [REDACTED] DATED 20 SEP 65, AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS.

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THE FY 1966 U-2 MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IS APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

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THIS APPROVAL IS PREDICATED ON APPROXIMATE COSTS OF CONVERTING 7 SAC AIRCRAFT TO U-2C CONFIGURATION, AND SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT AND SPARES, ON A FULL OBLIGATIONAL BASIS. IN THE EVENT THAT CONTRACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS INDICATE THAT THIS APPROVAL WILL NOT SUPPORT 7 CONVERSIONS, I AM TO BE INFORMED THRU THE NRO CONTROLLER OF THE ALTERNATIVES OF REDUCING THE NUMBER TO BE MODIFIED, OR INCREASING THE FUND APPROVAL, FOR DECISION BEFORE THE CONTRACT IS SIGNED. THIS APPROVAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT FOR MODIFICATION OF THE 4 REMAINING SAC AIRCRAFT, IN ANTICIPATION

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OF ADDITIONAL FY 1966 OR FY 1967 FUNDING. HOWEVER, AN OPTION CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT FOR THE REMAINING 4, PROVIDED THAT NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION IS INCURRED THEREBY.

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THIS APPROVAL INCLUDES THE PROCUREMENT OF 13 J75-P13B ENGINES FOR [REDACTED] PLUS [REDACTED] FOR LONG LEAD TIME SPARES, ON A FULL OBLIGATIONAL BASIS. A CONTRACT OPTION FOR 7 ADDITIONAL ENGINES MAY BE SPECIFIED, PROVIDING THAT NO GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION IS INCURRED THEREBY. IF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS INDICATE THE ENGINE UNIT COST TO BE HIGHER THAN [REDACTED] REFERRAL OF THE ALTERNATIVES OF FEWER ENGINES OR FUND APPROVAL INCREASES ARE TO BE FURNISHED THRU THE NRO COMPTROLLER, FOR DECISION BEFORE THE CONTRACT IS SIGNED.

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FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, NONE OF THE FOUR EDWARDS (AFSC) AIRCRAFT ARE

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TO CONSIDERED FOR MODERNIZATION.

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THIS PROGRAM APPROVAL IS IN EXPECTATION OF FAVORABLE REACTION BY OSD,
BOB AND CONGRESS TO A [REDACTED] FY 1966 VIET NAM SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATION FOR MODERNIZATION OF FOUR OF THESE AIRCRAFT. IF THIS
SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST IS NOT APPROVED IN THIS AMOUNT, SUBSEQUENT
TERMINATION ACTIONS MAY BE REQUIRED END QUOTE.

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